

Out-of-court settlement in journalist attack cases

While those who attack journalists in Pakistan often get away with impunity, data gathered by the National Police Bureau recently shows that in most cases the victims settle for a compromise.

Addressing a function to mark World Press Freedom day organised by Unesco on Saturday, Mr. Ihsan Ghani, Director General, National Police Bureau said it was found that a majority of the cases, including murder cases, went into compromise and so there were no convictions.

Dedicated hotline

Mr. Ghani said that every province would soon have a hotline dedicated for journalists Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad already had one.

In the 42 cases of deaths of journalists in the last decade, there have been only two convictions — in the cases of Daniel Pearl and Wali Khan Babar, said M. Ziauddin, group editor of *Express Tribune* .

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